

## BALLARAT NEWS

**Mass of the Oils Monday, March 26, 2018:** The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **6.30pm**. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God in Diocese. This Mass also has a special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018—the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration.

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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan

Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Mon—Wed 9.00am -1.00pm

Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Safeguarding Officers:

St Columba's: Peter Marquand

OLHC: Maree Roache

Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wednesday 9:30 am

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Wednesday 10:00 am

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

2 Chron 33: 14-16, 19-23

Ps. 136. R. v.6

Ehp 2: 4—19

Jn 3: 14—21



### 4th March 2018. 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. *God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Judy Edwards, Brian Atherton, Maureen Daly, Carolyn Jordan

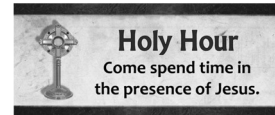
**Anniversaries:** We remember: All those whose anniversaries occur about this time

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School) For our RCIA and RCIC candidates who are preparing for reception of the Sacraments. And for St Columba's Grade 5 students preparing for Senior Reconciliation.

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Stations of the Cross** will be offered on Fridays during Lent starting on Friday 23rd February at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a time of reflection and sharing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. All welcome to join in this wonderful preparation for Easter. For further information please contact Judith on 0417 168 716.

**Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** Friday 9th March 7pm—8pm in the Church. All most welcome



**Rosters for Holy Week** sheets are in the foyer for you to add your name to the rosters for Palm Sunday and the Triduum (Holy Thursday– Easter Sunday). We would appreciate your assistance during this busy season.

**Sew'n'so** Thursday 8th March 2018 at 1.30pm in the Church Foyer. Come along for a chat and cuppa in pleasant company.

**Singers invited** A small group (of women so far!) has formed to lead singing at mass every 3 weeks or so and we are looking for more voices to swell our sound. If you enjoy singing, can pretty much hold a tune, are willing to take a little direction and can commit to rehearsal 30 minutes before mass, then we invite you to join us. Please follow up with Audrey Brown - acbrown6642@yahoo.com.au or 0400617742.

**Nazareth House Auxiliary Irish Music Afternoon** — all welcome. Nazareth House Hall on Friday 16th March 1:30pm – 3:00pm \$5 entry. Entrance prize, afternoon tea, raffle and a cake stall.



**Rosters** for the remainder of the year will be completed next week. To assist in the preparation of these can you please advise the office of dates you will be unavailable for, if you wish your name added to or removed from a particular ministry. Please contact Judith asap for any further information.

**Parish Family Groups** On weekend 27th/28th October our Parish Family groups will be celebrating 30 years since establishment in 1988. 30 years later we have 134 people enjoying the friendship and support of other parishioners as they gather in groups for social get-togethers of various kinds. If you are new to the parish or if your life situation has changed and you would like to join a group please contact Denis or Shirley Edgar on 53344550

**Stewardship Program:** Envelopes for the next quarter, together with receipts for contributions are available for collection in the foyer. Your contribution to the Parish is appreciated. Thank you!

Thanksgiving	<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	754.70
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	1855.56    Average for this financial year \$ 2032.23

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 10th March	SUNDAY 11th March	What's on:
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Alison Thorpe	Fridays during Lent 6.30pm Stations of Cross
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Judy Brown	Wednesday 21st March 11am Mass of Anointing in the Church followed by a light lunch
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh Snr	Bruce Chapman	Palm Sunday 25 March
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ruth Marquand	Terry Grano	Monday 26th March 6.30pm Mass of the Oils, St Patrick's Cathedral
GIFTS	Nola Molloy	Pat & Bernie Kenna	Tuesday 27th March 7pm Parish Reconciliation in the Church
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand, Ann Lacey, Maureen Eddy	Irene Monigatti, Kierce O'Loughlin, Megan Bourke	Holy Thursday 29th March 7pm, Good Friday 30th March 3pm, Easter Vigil 31 March, 6pm, Easter Sunday 1st April 10am More info to follow
OVERHEADS	Lewis/Moloney	Judith O'Sullivan	
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

**Lenten Group:** Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room—all welcome.

**Defibrillator Training** For OLHC parishioners following the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday 17th March.



**1) Parish Community Meeting:** Advance Notice for Sunday July 29th after 10:00 am Mass.

**2) Parish Mission—October 27th—31st:** Fr Richard Leonard will be presenting a Mission in OLHC Parish. This will be an opportunity for personal and community renewal.

**Baptism:** This weekend welcome into our OLHC community Kashleigh Marziana Gran-Coma, daughter of Cashel and Joenick. May she grow in the love of God, family and our community.



**Combined Family Groups Luncheon** Sunday March 25th at "Moondallah". Contact Pauline 53343831

**Time out Family group:** Cuppa after Mass on May 5th



**Easter Ministries:** Please complete the sheets in the foyer for anyone who is able to assist with the various ministries throughout the Easter season.

**Easter Reconciliation :** 20th March at 7:00    **Anointing Mass:** 22nd March at 10:00 am . All Welcome.

**International Women's Day**—March 8th. Caritas information is available on this website:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/global-poverty-issues/women-and-development>

**Exodus Community:** Seeking a Co-ordinator of the After School Learning Group (ASLG).

Each Thursday at 8 Primrose Street during School Terms 3.45pm - 5.45pm commencing Term 2. Teaching experience desirable. Interested? Please contact Judy on 5334 1684.



**Caritas ~ Third Sunday of Lent 2018**



Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

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<b>Collections:</b>		<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
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10/11th March	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Veronica Stott	<b>March</b>  Sunday 4th    Cuppa after 10 am Mass  Sunday 25th    Combined family groups luncheon at "Moondallah". Contact Pauline 53343831
MINISTER of the WORD	Ena Bruty	Bill Jones	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Des Lloyd, Mavis McNulty, Joyce Jackson, + 2 volunteers	Judith Potter, Helen Rieniets, Margaret White, + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Robyn Clark	
COUNTERS		Peter & Deanna Osman	
CHURCH CLEANING	Tony & Ena Bruty		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b> This Weekend — <b>Waubra</b> Next Weekend— <b>Learmonth</b>			
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	William Gallagher	Fon Ryan	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Margaret McDonald	Kerryn Gallagher	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Sharon & Marty Moran	Bev Hayward	